

JANUARY 17, 1833.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To establish a Pension Office, and to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 an office shall be established in the War Department to be de-
4 nominated the Pension Office; and that a commissioner of pen-
5 sions shall be appointed by the President, by and with the ad-
6 vice and consent of the Senate, who shall have, under the di-
7 rection of the Secretary of War, the administration and man-
8 agement of the various duties, which, by the act of June seventh,
9 eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and by any other pension
10 act, are assigned to the War Department.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the said commis-*
2 sioner of pensions shall take an oath of office, and shall receive
3 an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; and
4 that all letters and packages to and from him relating to the
5 business of his office, shall be free of postage; and so much as
6 may be necessary to pay the salary of the commissioner for

7 the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, shall
8 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money
9 in the Treasury.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of
2 War shall arrange or appoint to the said Pension Office the
3 number of clerks necessary therefor, so as not to increase the
4 annual amount now disbursed in the employment of clerks.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall con-
2 tinue and be in force for the term of three years, and no longer.